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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$3,000,000.
INSTALLMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES, \$26,765.62
\$5,926,765.62

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.
INSTALLMENT OF PREMIUMS ON NEW SHARES, \$63,336.43
\$3,193,336.43

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HONGKONG,
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial place in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 25, 1883. 48

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to give Notice that he has SOLD the STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOODWILL of the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE to Messrs. J. GAUFF & CO.

JOHN S. COX,
Administrator to the Estate of the late JOHN NOBLE.

WITH Reference to the above, we beg to Notify that we have PURCHASED the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE, which will be carried on in the present Premises and under the same Style as heretofore, and having now the largest and best Assorted Stock of WATCHES and JEWELLERY in the Colony, we trust to receive the Continuance of the Patronage bestowed upon our Predecessor.

CHAS. J. GAUFF & CO.
Hongkong, November 19, 1883. 944

Intimations.

S. E. W. O.,
TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,
No. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

Has just Received by French Mail,
CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND
DRAB FELT HATS, AND
TWEED HATS,
(of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET SOAPS.
All Sorts of GENTLEMEN'S WINTER CLOTHING, &c., &c.
Hongkong, December 3, 1883. 1052

NOTICE.

FROM This Date we will also carry on the BUSINESS of SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS in this Colony.

EUA DA SILVA & CO.,
General Commission Agents
and Auctioneers.
Hongkong, November 30, 1883. 1032

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

N O T I C E .

ON and after the 1st October, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 1½ per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, September 15, 1883. 553

Mr. Andrew Wind,

New Agent, &c.
133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK;
is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, New York, and China Review.

Intimations.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Proprietors:
DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Late Lessees of the HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE Community of Hongkong are respectively informed that the VICTORIA HOTEL will be OPENED on SATURDAY, the 1st December, 1883.

Hongkong, November 24, 1883. 902

NOTICE.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FROM this date, Mr. A. McIVER will resume Charge of the Company's BUSINESS at this Port.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent,
Hongkong, November 23, 1883. 930

NOTE OF THANKS.

To the late PASSENGERS of the Barque "Martha Davis."

THE CAPTAIN of the Barque Martha Davis wished to express his thanks to the PASSENGERS for the BEAUTIFUL FLAG they have presented to him.

T. M. BENSON.

Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1062

IT frequently occurs that from damp or otherwise Good Tea is spoiled from the fact of being nasty, mouldy, unpalatable to Foreigners' taste and unfit for their use.

This refuse Tea the Lady Superiores of the Italian Convent now comes forward and begs the LADIES and GENTLEMEN to let her have for her numerous Chinese pupils, for whom the sole beverage of luxury is Tea. Hongkong, September 10, 1883. 509

A good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours in the early morning, would be glad to take Charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address: "M. M. R.",
c/o. China Mail Office.
Hongkong, August 24, 1883. 307

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOATS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 265

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 30TH SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 7d. or \$54.70 per Share.

INTEREST at the Rate of 7% per Annum will be Charged on Calls unpaid on the 30TH SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, September 12, 1883. 527

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the Suez Canal in QUARANTINE, thus avoiding any detention in EGYPT. The Homeward Ships are not being landed at VENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL PORTS prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the Vessel which calls at MARETTILLE en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.

The Passages of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MARETTILLE or GIBRALTAR.

A. MCIVER,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, September 6, 1883. 497

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTYNINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, October 22, 1883. 767

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHING BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1883.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED AND HAVE NOW ON VIEW A LARGE ASSORTMENT

OF CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS

—AND—

FANCY GOODS,

Comprising—

Real Turtle Soups.
Salmon Cutlets.
Kippered Salmon.
Herrings in Sardines.
Sardines au Citron.

Herrings in White Wine.
Mackerel in White Wine.
French Truffles.
Assorted English Pastries.
Pâté de Foie Gras.

Truffled Chickens in Jelly.
French Smoked Larks.
Assorted French Pastries.
Asparagus.
Petits Pois.

Champignons.
Pudding and Sultana Raisins.
Peel for Mincedmeat.
Christmas Hams.
Christmas Cakes.

Ricotta Stiltons.
Port du Salut Cheese.
Gruyère Cheese.
Gorgonzola Cheese.

Double Gloucester Cheese.
French Plums.
Fruits in Noyau and Brandy.
Crystallized Fruits.
Elie's Plums.

Muscatel Raisins.
Barcelona and Brazil Nuts.
Best French Confectionery.
Bonbons and Dragees.
Bonbonniers for Christmas Trees.

French Chocolates.
Newest Confections and Crackers.
French and English Toys.
Mechanical Toys.
Electric Toys.

French and English Dolls.
Out-door Games.

Christmas and New Year Cards.

1050

Table Decorations, latest designs and shades.

A Handsome Drawing-room Fountain.

Salad Bowls and Helpers.

Epoxies.

Flower Bracketts and Baskets.

Pretty Tea and Coffee Sets.

Flower Stands.

New Electro-Plated Ware.

Coffee and Tea Services.

Sparkling Moselle.

Dautz and Goldermann's Gold Lack Champagne.

Krug's Private Cuvee Champagne.

Lomone's Vin Brut Champagne.

Sparkling Moselle.

Dry Sherries.

Choice Bordeaux Wines.

After Dinner Port.

Burgundies.

Hocks.

Liqueurs, Brandies and Whiskies.

Liqueurs, &c., &c., &c.

1050

DR. SAYLE & CO.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 4, 1883. 1061

FOR SALE.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
No. 63, Queen's Road East,
(Opposite the Commissioner),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.
CALIFORNIA CRACKER COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb tins, and loose. Sods BISCUITS. Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY. Cracked WHEAT. OATMEAL. CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER. Apple BUTTER. Eastern and California CHEESE. CODFISH, Boned. PRIME HAMS and BACON. Eagle Brand Condensed MILK. Family BEEF in 25 lb cans. Bead Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans. Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans. Assorted Canned VEGETABLES. Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEATS.

Stuffed PEPPERS. Assorted SOUPS. Richardson's Celebrated Potted MEATS. Lunch HAM. Lamb TONGUES. Clam CHOWDER. Fresh OREGON SALMON. Dried APPLES. TOMATOES. SUCOTASH. Maple SYRUP. Golden SYRUP. LOBSTER. OYSTERS. HONEY. Assorted JELLIES. Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES. 400 lb. Capacity. 600 lb. " 900 lb. " 1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS. OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS. AXES and HATCHETS. AGATE IRON WARE. WAFFLE IRONS. SMOOTHING IRONS. PAINTS and OILS. TALLOW and TAR. VARNISHES.

DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL
BRILLIANT KEROSINE OIL,
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from ENGLAND.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF S T O R E S, including: CHRISTMAS CAKES. PLUM PUDDINGS. MINCemeAT. ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS. TEYSSOEA's DESSERT FRUITS. Pudding RAISINS. Lante CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS. PICNIC TONGUES. PATE de FOIE GRAS. SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS. BRAWN. INFANTS' FOOD. CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP. PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—CHATEAU MARGAUX. CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts. IRES GRAVES. " BREAKFAST CLARET," "

SHERRIES & PORT—SACCOMAN'S MANZANILLA & AMON-TILLADO. SACCOMAN'S OLD INVALID PORT (1848). HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—I & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY. BISQUIC DU BOUCHE & CO.'S BRANDY. FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY. KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY. ROYAL GLENDER WHISKY. BOARD'S OLD TOM. E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY. ROSE & LIME, JUICE CORDIAL. NOILY PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH. CRABBE'S GINGER BRANDY. EASTMAN CIDER. CHAR TREBUSE. MARASCHINO. CURACAO. ANGOSTURA, BANBRE' and ORANGE BITTERS. &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts. GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts. DRAUGHT ALE and POETER, by the Gallon. ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED C I G A R E S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 catty Boxes. BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb. MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, CASH and PAPER BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
THE LOFTUS TROUPE.
DAVIS & D'ANGELIS, *Lectures*.

THIS EVENING,
Thursday, 6th December.

THE CRIMSON SCARF,
BY MESSRS. FARNIE AND LEGOUX.

C A S T.

CONNINGHO, (a Venetian Noble, Member of the Council of Ten and Procurator in the Secret Council of Three) Mr Jas. Maas.

SANSAFANZO, (a Venetian Citizen, Admirer of the Tribunal of Seven) Jeff D'Angelis.

EMILIO, (Cornaro's Son) F. W. Oakland.

MARCO, (Cornaro's Daughter) C. J. Barber.

SILEMENO, (Secretary of the Council) B. O'Brien.

BLANCA, (Sassafra's Daughter) Miss Minnie Nord-Taylor, (her Waiting Maid) Victoria Loftus.

CITIANS, SHAKH, &c. &c.

Tone: Decadence of Venetian Republic.

Scene:—Interior of the Public Room in the House of Sassafras,—On the Grand Canal, Venice.

To be followed by THE CELEBRATED COMIC OPERA

"TRIAL BY JURY,"

BY MESSRS. GILBERT AND SULLIVAN.

C A S T.

THE LEARNED JUDGE, Mr. C. J. Barber.

COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF Jas. Maas.

THE ASSOCIATE JUDGE J. W. Allen.

COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANT B. O'Brien.

THE DEFENDANT F. W. Oakland.

FOREMAN OF THE JURY Gentleman Amateur. Usher Mr Jeff. D'Angelis.

THE PLAINTIFF Miss Victoria Loftus.

BRIDESMAIDS Minnie Nord-Taylor.

DO. Florence Conlige.

DO. Dolly Loftus.

DO. Myra Sydneys.

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, COURT LOUNGERS, POLICEMEN AND OTHERS.

NEW SCENERY, by Mr. C. J. Barber.

ELEGANT COSTUMES.

Instrumental Music under the direction of PROF. WILLIAM BLAKENEY.

SATURDAY, 6th December, "QUEEN'S EVIDENCE."

J. CHAS. DAVIS, Manager.

Hongkong, December 6, 1883. 1043

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB WILL GIVE A PERFORMANCE,

TO-MORROW EVENING, the 7th December, 1883,

OF "THE WEDDING MARCH" ("Le Chapeau de Paule d'Italie.")

AN ECCENTRIC IN THREE ACTS, by W. S. GILBERT.

ADMISSION: \$2, by Tickets only.

Performance to commence at 9 p.m. FURNITUALLY.

Seats can be secured and Tickets obtained at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after Wednesday, the 5th December, 1883, at 7.30 a.m.

Hongkong, December 6, 1883. 1023

SAILOR'S HOME.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

SHARE LIST. QUOTATIONS. Dec. 6, 1883.

Stocks Nos. of Shares Value Paid up Reserve Working Account Last Dividends Closing Quotations Cash.

BANKS HK. and Shai.

Bank..... 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 3,198,335 \$ 52,500.62 \$2 || 184% = \$355

INSURANCES Nth. China Ins. Co.

Yangtze Ins. Co.

Union Ins. Soc.

China Traders' Insurance.

Coton Ins. Office

Chinese Ins. Co.

HK. Fire Ins.

China Fire Ins.

STEAM C'PANIES HK. C. and M.

Steamboat.

Indo-China S.

Navy Co.

China & Manilla S. S. Coy. Lt.

Indo. & Wh'poa.

Dock

HK. & China Gas Co.

Hkong Hotel.

China Sugar Co.

Hkong Ice Co.

Hkong Bakery

Luzon Sugar Co.

LOANS Chi. Imp.

Dec. 5, 1874

6,976,2

100 all

6 %

June 30 Dec 31

100 all

8 %

Feb. 28 Apr. 31

100 all

8 %

June 16 & Dec. 10

600 all

6 %

June & Dec.

2 % prem.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FOR STRAITS AND BOMBAY.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

AGENTS for the above Company are

prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE

RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

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Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

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THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY,
TEN TIMES A YEAR.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," has reached its Twelfth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are of interest in the minds of students of the "Far East," and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Etc., Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Manœuvres and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new department has been taken up, and the Review now gives special notes on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of Literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review," care of China Mail Office.

The Notes and Queries are still continued, and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondents' column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, the Imperial Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Estel, Broeschrader, Hirth, and Hane, Professor Legge, and Messrs. Ballou, Watters, Stent, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Jameson, Falter, Koech, Parker, Playfair, Giles, and Piton—all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

The Subscription is fixed at \$6.50 per annum, postage included—payable in advance. Orders for binding volumes will be promptly attended to; Address, "Manager, China Mail Office."

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Journal."—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

"The China Review *** has an excellent article of contents."—*Celestial Empire*.

"The publication always contains subjects of interest to sojourners in the Far East, and the present issue will hold favourable if not advantageous comparison, with preceding numbers."—*Celestial Empire*.

"This number contains several articles of interest and value."—*North-China Herald*.

"The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Metropolitans will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritsch, on 'the Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking,' showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880. 'Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa,' by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of 'The Divine Classic of Nan-Han,' and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting."—*North-China Daily News*.

"A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Chinese would do well to patronise."—*Glyncraenum*.

"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on 'The New Testament in Chinese,' treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. . . . Mr. E. H. Parker's 'Short Journeys in Szechuen' are continued, and a goodly instalment of those travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled 'The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which 'On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo and Java' might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—*U.K. Daily Press*.

"Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors."

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the sender having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Persons who desire to send Circumlocution Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office un stamped, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised January 1st, 1882.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Parcels, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a parcel containing any partially printed paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed the dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Correspond not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters, 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Post Cards, 3 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 2 oz.
Com. Papers, 2 oz.

There is no charge on registered correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Japan, Siam, China, Ceylon, Puglia, and the Philip- pines.	Letters per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. each.	Post Cards old and new each.	Books and Patterns per 2 oz.	Regis- tration each.
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(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.
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4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

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